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- 1. No one in the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party-Communist) is believed to receive a salary from outside of the country. The same seems to be true as regards the Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores de la Republica de Panama (FSTRP, Federation of Unions of Panamanian Workers Communist controlled) in its relationship to the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL Confederation of Latin American Workers), or any other foreign organization. The CTAL is in a very difficult economic situation at the moment in Mexico because of the recent political activities in which Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano, CTAL president, took an active part. As a result of this activity the CTAL is considered by the Mexican Government as inimical.
- 2. In substantiation of the above economic estimate of the CTAL, each affiliated organization in Latin America was assessed a quota of \$100.00 to support the Fourth CTAL Congress, which was held in Santiago, Chile from 22 to 29 March 1953. In addition, each country was expected to pay the transportation of its own delegate. The poor economic situation of the CTAL was confirmed by Pedro SAAD and Justina ALVAREZ Pantoja during their recent travel through Panama.